

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The Masonic Grand Lodge of Dakota Territory was founded in 1875, and celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1975; and,

WHEREAS, It was decided to split the Lodge of the Dakota Territory in 1989, and George V. Ayres was the first Grand Master to serve for the South Dakota Grand Lodge; and,

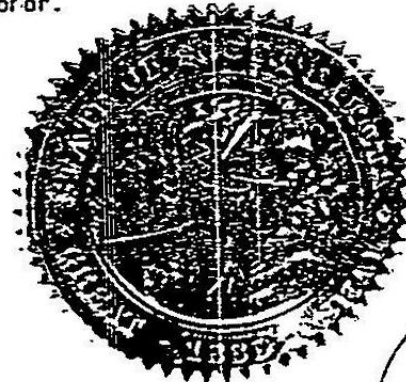
WHEREAS, There are more than 11,000 Masons in South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Mathew A. Gore was born in England on April 19, 1962, and lived in South Dakota with his family; and,

WHEREAS, Mathew's father, Harry Gore, came to the United States from England after he received his Masonic work and joined the Warner, South Dakota, Lodge in 1972; and,

WHEREAS, Mathew will return to his birthplace in Layland, Lancashire, England, to receive his Master Mason Degree in May:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby commend and congratulate Mathew A. Gore on receiving this great honor.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

*George S. Mickelson*  
GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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JOYLE HAZELTIME, SECRETARY OF STATE